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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/821,301	Applicant(s) FUNG, DUNCAN C.	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 1-15 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- * In claims 1 and 8: applicant should amend the claims to eliminate the word "or".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

* The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Danno et al. (5,822,088).

Danno discloses a decorative lamp comprising a lighting fixture including a socket [13] and a light bulb [15], a hollow pliant shell [3] having a decorative shape and an interior cylinder [9] integrally formed with the shell which engages the exterior surface of the socket [13]. Danno discloses that the housing is formed of plastic and the interior cylinder is formed of rubber or flexible plastic which meets the claimed limitation of polymeric materials or silicon polymers/rubbers.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 5-7, 10 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Danno et al.

Danno does not disclose that shell is formed of a material which is stable at temperatures in excess of 200 degrees C. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the shell fire resistant by making it from material which is stable at temperatures in excess of 200 degrees C as the device is to be used on a Christmas tree as an ornament.

Danno does not disclose that the shell is made formed to be colored, translucent or opaque. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the shell decorative by forming it to be colored, translucent or opaque as the device is to be used on a Christmas tree as an ornament.

Danno does not disclose a lens or globe over the light bulb. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to place a lens over the light bulb to direct or enhance the light coming from the bulb.


Conclusion

. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note patents to Murray (6,000,820) and Fussell et al. (6,361,192).

. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to laura tso whose telephone number is 571-272-2385. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, sandra o'shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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